Modernisation of Andhra Pradesh based NTC Mills

1778. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to modernise two Andhra Pradesh based N.T.C. mills namely Tirupati Cotton Mills at Renigunta in Chittoor district and Anantapur Cotton Mills in Tadapati in Anantapur district through joint venture with private companies;

(b) if so the details of the progress made so far in modernising above said mills; and

(c) the economic viability/position of these mills at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V. K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Govt. has decided to modernise these two mills through joint venture for which Expression of Interest (EOI) has been invited from reputed private entrepreneurs. The EOIs so received have been evaluated on the basis of pre-determined criteria and only qualified parties will be invited to offer their bids.

(c) At present Tirupati Cotton Mills is partially working with the available work force. In Anantapur Cotton Mills majority of workers have availed of Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS). At present this mill is not running.

Funds to Support Handloom and Powerloom Sector

1779. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received proposals from-Andhra Pradesh for funds to support the handloom and powerloom sector; and

(b) if so, the details and by when these proposals will be cleared by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh for funds to support the handloom and powerloom sectors are annexed as statement.

Statement

Proposals received from Andhra Pradesh for funds to support Handloom and Powerloom Sector

HANDLOOM SECTOR:

Name of the Schemes:	Details of Proposals received:
Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme	During the current year, two proposals were received for sanction of funds for 283 worksheds and 520 workshed-cum-Houses involving an outlay of Rs. 114.67 lakh. Proposals have been sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 57.34 lakh has been released towards first instament.
Thrift Fund Scheme	During the current year, one proposal was received seeking financial support of Rs. 12.50 lakh. The proposal was incomplete and therefore could not be sanctioned.
Marketing Promotion Programme	During the current year, one proposal was received for support for organizing Crafts Mela at Hyderabad, which has been sanctioned. 25 proposals were received for organizing District Level Events, which have been sanctioned. 8 proposals were received for organizing National Handloom Expos/ Special Expos, out of which 7 proposals have been sanctioned. A sum of Rs. 77.13 lakh has been released for the above events.
Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP)	During the current year, a sum of Rs. 209.08 lakh has been sanctioned for training of 1780 weavers through Weavers Service Centres, Hyderabad and Vijyawada.

Name of the Schemes:	Details of Proposals received:
Implementation of the Handlooms (Reservation) Act, 1985.	During the current year, a proposal was received from the State Government seeking reimbursement of Rs. 45.97 lakh for setting up of Enforcement Machinery during the year 2002-03. As per the eligibility criteria laid down in the scheme, a sum of Rs. 25.66 lakh is due the State Government. Of which, a sum of Rs. 14.57 lakh has been released.
Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana	During the current year, 78 proposals amounting to Rs. 93.58 lakh were received from the State Government for support under the basis input component of the Scheme. The proposals were incomplete and therefore could not be sanctioned. A proposal was received from the State Government under the Marketing incentive Component of the scheme seeking support of Rs. 607.00 lakh in respect of various Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies and APCO for the year 2004-05 and 2005-06. The State Government has not furnished matching state share sanctioned orders and therefore the proposal could not be sanctioned.

POWERLOOM SECTOR:

A proposal was received from Andhra Pradesh for establishment of Hyderabad Hi Tech Weaving Park with project cost of Rs. 2818.24 lakh. The project has been approved for Rs. 1848.92 lakh.